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1. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Senator Thomas J. Dodd (Conn.) delivered a speech in support of CIA substantially verbatim in accordance with the copies which we had received earlier. The floor contained only two or three Senators and only Senator William Proxmire (Wis.) spoke to the subject. The Senator indicated general agreement with Dodd and commended his statement. However, he did raise the question of whether with the passage of time some information could be declassified and made the basis of an appropriate report by the Agency Subcommittees. Dodd concurred but indicated that possibly many subjects could never be really declassified.

2. (Unclassified - JSW) Talked with Senator Stuart Symington advising him that Senator Dodd had just completed a speech on the floor. Symington stated it had been a bad day for him what with Committees and gave no specific indication what he planned to do.

3. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked briefly with Senator Henry M. Jackson and advised him that Senator Dodd had just given a speech on the Agency. Senator Jackson repeated his earlier thoughts to the effect that the Director need not be worried about publicity and that speeches defending CIA are not necessarily appropriate considering this is an election year. Jackson stated that he would very much like to sit down and discuss this general subject with the Director and I indicated I was sure the Director would like to do this.

4. (Internal Use Only - JSW) [redacted] called to advise that he was meeting with the Joint Economic Committee staff people this afternoon in connection with an Army-sponsored external research paper on the Soviet economy which is at variance with the Agency's report. [redacted] stated STAT he hoped to resolve the problem and I suggested that if it could not be resolved that the problem be brought to the Director's attention. STAT

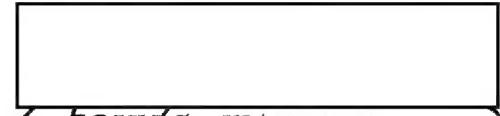
5. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Senator Russell's office confirmed that the Senator would see the DCI at the latter's request at five o'clock this afternoon. The Director will also be seeing Representative Vinson at four o'clock.

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6. (Internal Use Only - JGO) At his request, met with Mr. Kelsay R. Meek, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez (D., Tex.). Mr. Meek wanted to recommend a Spanish-speaking constituent for consideration for employment in the Agency. However, on discussing the matter it was learned that the constituent's wife is a citizen of Mexico. In consequence, Mr. Meek withdrew the request for possible interview in the field. No further action will be necessary.

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